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SUBJ: INDIAN DEFENSE MINISTER ON PAKISTAN'S MILITARY PREPARATIONS

1. INDIAN DEFENSE MINISTER BANSI LAL IS REPORTED BY A MARCH 2 HINDUSTAN TIMES STORY TO HAVE CHARGED PAKISTAN WITH "PREPARING AGAIN" FOR AN ENGAGEMENT WITH INDIA. SPEAKING TO A VETERANS' RALLY AT SONEPAT, HARYANA, MARCH 1, LAL SPECIFICALLY ACCUSED PAKISTAN OF BUYING ARMS FROM ABROAD, ENLARGING ITS ARMED FORCES AND MAKING PREPARATIONS ON A LARGER SCALE THAN ITS NORMAL DEFENSE NEEDS REQUIRE (ACCORDING TO A SAMACHAR REPORT OF THE
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SAME EVENT). LAL SAID THAT SINCE INDIA HAD ACHIEVED

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SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN DEFENSE PRODUCTION THANKS TO THE
PRIME MINISTER'S FORESIGHT, THE EVENTS OF 1971 WOULD
BE REPEATED IF PAKISTAN ATTACKED.

2. COMMENT -- THERE ARE SOME SLIGHT VARIATIONS IN THE
SAMACHAR AND HINDUSTAN TIMES REPORTS AND ONLY SEVERAL
DIRECT QUOTATIONS. THE HEADLINES ESSENTAILLY AGREE
HOWEVER: "PINDI WARNED AGAINST AGGRESSION" (TIMES OF
INDIA), "BANSI LAL WARNS OF PAK ARMS BUILD-UP" (PATRIOT).
"BANSI LAL WARNS PAKISTAN" (INDIAN EXPRESS), ETC.
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